

MEMORANDUM

July 30, 2002

TO: Phillip, Lee Ann, Boyd
FROM: John
RE: September 11 Observance

There's been some talk about what we need to do on September 11 (it falls on a Wednesday) to observe the anniversary of the attacks. My main feeling, whatever we choose to do and wherever we do it, is that the observance should be reverent, patriotic and uplifting. It shouldn't be a solemn, wear all black type of occasion, but it also shouldn't be a party atmosphere.

I would suggest we do something in the memorial area at the Woolfolk building, with the statue and the granite "flag" wall as the backdrop. We could block off West Street if we needed to. Obviously the Governor would be the lead speaker, but we should also have General Lipscomb, one or two religious leaders, and perhaps we could get a member of the Guard who has served in Afghanistan.

We should also see about getting the 41st Army Band, even though I understand Senator Delma Furniss has already requested them for an event in north Mississippi. If we really want them, we can probably get them. Also, do we want to try and get the Army Special Ops Jump Team (the Black Daggers) that we talked about getting on Memorial Day? There would be some cost involved, but we need to move fast if we want them.

I also have information on a bagpipe and drum band called "Father of Waters." They're very good and would add a lot to the event, but again, we need to go ahead and contact them if we want to use them.